

**Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa (FCA-FAC)**  
**General Meeting of May 16 Minutes**  
**Approved: September 13 18 2018**

**Attendees:** Sheila Perry, president [Overbrook CA], Stefan Baginski [Greater Avalon CA], John Blatherwick [Woodpark CA], Frank Boyaner [Bel Air CA], Morley Brownstein [Bel Air CA], Bob Brocklebank [Glebe CA], Archie Campbell [Dalhousie CA], David Clark [City View CA], Denys Cooper [Dow's Lake RA], Alex Cullen [Belltown NA], Malcolm Cunningham [Queensway Terrace North CA], Lorne Cutler [Hampton-Iona CG], Erwin Dreessen [Greenspace Alliance], J. R. Fortin [Lincoln Heights-Parkway CA], Linda Gama-Pinto [Heron Park CA], Alek Golijanin [Southkeys Greenboro CA], Paul Goodkey [Old Ottawa East CA], Miranda Gray [Convent Glen/Orleans Woods CA], Bea Hampson [Rockcliffe Park RA], Angela Keller-Herzog [Glebe CA], Louise Malhotra [Rockcliffe Park RA], Rosella MacNeil [Heron Park CA], Maria Luisa Marti [Centretown Citizens CA], Angus McCabe [Glebe CA], Alice Nakanishi [Centretown Citizens CA], John Riordan [Britannia Village CA], Graeme Roderick [Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA], Mark Seebaran [Old Ottawa East CA], Allan Smith [Wellington Village CA], Anne Stairs [Riverview Park CA], Sue Stefko [Glebe Annex CA], John Stevenson [Bike Ottawa], Don Stewart [Westboro Beach CA], Phil Sweetnam [Stittsville Village CA], Brenda Thrasher [Manotick Village CA], Laura Urrechaga [Old Ottawa South CA], Susan Wisking [Britannia Village CA].

**Guests:** Frank Boyaner, RPPP; Jason Burggraaf, GOHBA; George Clayton, Project Manager of *Ottawa Next: beyond 2036*, City of Ottawa; Charmaine Forgie, Manager of Business & Support Services, City of Ottawa; Andy Reside (Admin Assistant, City of Ottawa); and Christine McAllister [Candidate for Councillor, Ward 17]  
**Regrets:**Councillors David Chernushenko (Capital, Ward 17) and Jean Cloutier (Alta Vista Ward 18)

**1.0 Welcome:** 7:20 pm. Sheila Perry, President, welcomed members to Heron Road Community Centre, 1480 Heron Road. The chair noted that it is Recognition of Police Week. The theme of this meeting was *Ottawa of the Future*.

**2.0 Approval of Agenda:** Moved by E. Dreessen/seconded by Don Stewart

CARRIED

**3.0 Community Association organizing this gathering:**

Heron Park is part of Capital Ward. It is bounded by the Rideau River on the north, Walkley Road on the south, Bank Street on the east and Sawmill Creek on the west. The neighbourhood is divided by busy Heron Road. Population is 3800, many of whom are renters. R3 and R 4 zoning. Has two parks. Heron Park Community Association's core focus is sufficiency and adequacy of resources to meet residents' needs (i.e. affordable housing, adequate meeting space, parking, safe sidewalks). Its website is <https://her.tomeet.reonpark.ca/about-2/> and their community newspaper is Heron Park Herold which is published four times a year.

Of immediate concern is locating affordable rental housing. On May 7 last, Timbercreek Communities, who owns 44 acres of townhomes and 5 high-rises in this surrounding neighbourhood, notified 150 tenant of Heron Gate that over the next four months, they would need to move out of their 50 year old homes. These will be demolished and replaced. The owner has stated a willingness to assist with relocation. But affordable rental housing in Ottawa remains tight. This is not the first time the owner has given notice to leave. Two years ago, residents of 80 townhomes moved out to enable demolition, with rebuilding having just begun. The owner says there will not be further demolishing of properties.

The systemic issue is sufficiency of affordable housing. The City's new council needs to urgently address this.

**3.1 Greetings** were received from executive members of this CA: Rosella MacNeil & Linda Gama-Pinto.

**4.0 Perspectives:**

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- **Beyond 2036:** G. Clayton asks those in attendance to imagine an Ottawa of 2 to 3 million people. Where would they live, work, recreate. His paradigm of a **Livable City** includes great neighbourhoods, safe communities and a healthy society.
- C. Forgie noted that there have been regular meetings with FCA's Governance Committee dealing with consultation, communication and data availability. This is expected to continue.

**5.0 Network Break**

**6.0 Open Mike** on local community issues:

- a) Importance of Neighbourhood Consultation and Adhering to agreed plan:
- In Mudd Lake in the Britannia area, this past winter the NCC removed near 600 ash and ice storm damaged trees, mostly located on or near an established walking path. When doing so in this environmentally sensitive protected wetland, the contractor excessively widened by "clear-cutting" the path, and used the resultant woodchips as mulch. However, the 2004 approved plan called for maintenance of a 1.2 m wide path without mulch. In an early May meeting with local residents, the NCC agreed to restore the pathway by planting of trees – 75 this spring, 200 over time. Lincoln Heights CA's president called that undertaking to be the bare minimum.
  - In Overbrook, this past January, the City removed mostly dead and dying hazardous ash trees. It also was described as 'clear-cutting'. That community got replacement trees.
  - Kanata Beaverbrook last fall got an agreement with Ontario Hydro One on management of trees in and bordering on the corridor.
  - Champlain Park instituted a tree mapping project to assist in maintaining trees in the neighbourhood.
  - On the City's review of its tree conservation bylaw, Kississippi Big Trees Group and CAs for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) have representation.

**7.0 Approval of Amended April 21 2018 Minutes** of General Meeting – Moved: G. Roderick/A Cullen  
The amendment related to item 6 (e header substituted '*part of Westley Clover Park*' for "part pf West-end part of the Greenbelt".: CARRIED

**7.1 Business Arising**

Volunteer Ottawa 's workshops: To access the password for our discount contact D. Stewart.

**8.0 Treasurer's Report:** L. Cutler reported that fees for thirty two membership have been received. That is 66% of the fees received in 2017, but no worse compared to this time a year ago. The Finance and Membership Committees are recommending a \$5.00 increase in membership fees.

**9.0 Committee Reports: -**

**9.1 Communication:** The May Newsletter went out in early May. Currently, seeking to ensure that the distribution/subscriber list is up-to date and does not have duplications. Persons interested in joining this committee could speak to B. Brocklebank.

**9.2 Governance:** A meeting with C. Forgie is planned for June 5.

**9.3 Logistics:** Don indicated the meeting schedule is  
**June 20 7:00 PM AGM City Hall.**

**9.4 Finance:**

No Report

**9.5 Membership:** See item # 8.0 above.

**9.6 Planning & Zoning:**

- ✓ Affordable Housing (*see FCA Proceedings Feb 21 Item 8.0 a*)
- ✓ Plans to monitor Infil 1 and 2 amendments to the zoning bylaw: Update from April 3 meeting with City staff have yet to be received.

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- ✓ R4 and Multi-use zoning review will be considered by City's Planning as well as Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committees on May 22 and the committee's recommendations, together with summary of oral and written submissions will be forwarded to Council Members for consideration at their June 13 meeting.
- ✓ Urban design guidelines: a briefing on the guidelines and proposed zoning by-law amendments regarding high-rise buildings was to be held on Thursday May 17. City's openness to higher and higher buildings is a development for which FCA needs a thoughtful position [i.e. fit with neighbourhood's character].  
ACTION: Planning Network

**9.7 Social:** No report.

**9.8 Transportation:** Transportation Committee has prepared and placed in circulation a list of suggested transportation related questions for the provincial election. Will now look at developing questions for the municipal election.

**9.9 Nomination & Recognition Committee:** Still seeking Nominations for the Executive Board for 2018/2019. Nominations can be made from the floor. Nominations for all four of our Recognition Awards have been received.

**10.0 New Business:**

10.1 Residential Protective Plumbing Program [Frank Boyaner]: To protect currently unprotected homes from sewer backup and groundwater infiltration, it is proposed that the City completely manage the installation of residential Back Water Valves. Senior staff have the authority to change this Program's specifications to do so.

**MOTION:** Moved by consensus that FCA executive take forward the above proposal to City's Senior Staff, and our members to Councillors. CARRIED.

10.2 Members Survey: Members and other participants in FCA's activities are requested to provide by June 15 their views on what in the last year has the FCA done well, how it could be improved, and generally advice to the newly elected board [<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FCA-FAC201>].

**12.0** Adjournment moved by G. Roderick  
Next general meeting: City Hall June 20 Evening

CARRIED

Graeme Roderick, secretary

Sheila Perry, president